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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: Caspase Inhibitors and the Use Thereof  
Inventors: CAI *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement**

***Mail Stop Amendment***

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 20060919), requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page eleven of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.

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